

# Congressional High School Art Competition

## History and Purpose

Each year the Congressional Arts Caucus sponsors a nationwide high school art contest called *An Artistic Discovery*. The contest allows students from across the country to exhibit their artwork and receive national recognition. It is an excellent opportunity to recognize the rich artistic talent of our nation's high school students.

In the past, more than 200 Congressional offices have participated in the program. Each year, the winning entries, one from each Congressional district, are displayed in the United States Capitol. The winning high school student from each district is invited to attend a reception in Washington, D.C. to witness the unveiling of the exhibit. Representatives of the arts community who have participated in past opening celebrations include Tom Cruise, Dean Cain, Billy Baldwin, and Sarah Jessica Parker.

In order to encourage our youth to participate in the arts, the Congressman asks that you share the information about this competition with your students and encourage them to enter their works of art.

## Facts

What?

*An Artistic Discovery*, the annual Congressional High School Art Competition coordinated by the Congressman's office for students of the Sixth Congressional District.

The winning entry from the Sixth District will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol for one year. The winning student will be invited to an unveiling of the exhibit and a reception for the winners in Washington, D.C.

Each participating student will receive a special Certificate of Congressional Recognition.

Since 1982, nearly 4,500 local contests have been conducted involving over 650,000 high school students.

Please be sure to read the guidelines for the 2006 Congressional Art Competition. The guidelines are also available on the Congressman's website at <http://markkennedy.house.gov>.

Who?

The competition is open to all high school students living in the Sixth Congressional District. The Sixth District includes all of Benton, Sherburne, and Wright counties, as well as parts of Anoka, Stearns, and Washington counties.

When?

The Buffalo District office must receive art entries by **Monday, May 8**. Artwork may also be dropped off at either our St. Cloud or Hugo office locations prior to the May 8 deadline. Please call our office before you drop off artwork to ensure that a staff member is available to receive the entries.

Why?

The Congressional High School Art Competition provides an opportunity for Members of Congress and the public to recognize the artistic talents of our students.

Questions?

Please contact Becca Pease at 763-684-1600, or [becca.pease@mail.house.gov](mailto:becca.pease@mail.house.gov).

## Important Dates

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| Monday, May 8, 2006      | All artwork must be received at our Buffalo District office, 1111 Highway 25 North, Suite 204, by 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday, May 15, 2006     | A panel will have judged the entries, and the teachers of winning students will be notified.                |
| Wednesday, May 24, 2006  | The first place entry must be framed and delivered to the Buffalo District office by 5:00 p.m.              |
| Wednesday, June 28, 2006 | Reception and unveiling of the art exhibit in Washington, D.C.  |